GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department- Diversion of 4.50 Ha of forest land for extraction of Black Granite in Compt.No.209 of Ragimenupenta RF, Chittoor West Division, in favour of M/s. Vishnu Granites – Validity of the Forest clearance approval as co-terminus with the period of mining lease - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

GG.O.MS.No. 36 **Dated: 29-03-2018.**
Read the following:-

1. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.No.4-APB063/2005-BAN/1826, Dt.6-2-2008.
2. G.O MS No.20, EFS&T (Forest-I) Dept. Dated.16-2-2008.
3. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.F No.11-51/2015-FC, Dated. 30-11-2017.
4. Representation of user agency dated.12-03-2018.
5. State Govt. Lr.No.821/Section-II/2018, Dt.15-03-2018.
6. GoI, MoEF&CC, Chennai, Lr.F.No.4-APB063/2005-BAN/0417, dt.25-03-2018.

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ORDER:

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change in reference 1st read above, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.50 Ha of forest land for extraction of Black Granite in Compt.No.209 of Ragimenupenta RF, Chittoor West Division, in favour of M/s. Vishnu Granites for a period of 10 (ten) years. Accordingly, the Government of Andhra Pradesh vide reference 2nd read above, have issued orders for diversion of above said forest land for a period of 10 (ten) years.

2. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change in their letter 3rd read above, have issued guidelines regarding period of validity of approvals accorded under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 stating that the "existing period of validity of forest clearance granted for diversion of forest land under section-2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for mining of minor mineral in the state regulated under rules made under section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957 shall be for a period of co-terminus with the period of mining lease as deemed extended under section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957", subject to the certain conditions.

3. Based on the guidelines issued by Government of India in the letter 3rd read above, the user agency i.e. M/s. Vishnu Granites have represented to the State Government to extend the period of validity of approval to be Co-terminus with the period of mining lease as deemed extended under section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957. While forwarding the representation of user agency, the State Government have requested the Government of India to issue clarification on the request made by the user agency vide letter 5th read above.

4. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai in their 6th read above, have clarified that as per the guidelines issued in the reference 3rd read above and the approval accorded under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the subject project in the reference 1st read above, for mining of minor mineral in the state regulated under Rules made under Section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957 shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease as deemed extended under the Rules made under Section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions.

5. Government after careful examination of the clarification accorded by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change in the references 3rd & 6th read above, hereby permit the user agency i.e M/s. Vishnu Granites for mining of minor mineral in the state regulated under Rules made under Section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957 shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease as deemed extended under the Rules made under Section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957 for the orders issued in the reference 2nd read above, subject to the following conditions:-

i. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh shall realize from the user agency the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land so diverted, if not realized so far, within two years in two equal installments;

ii. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh shall maintain the safety zone of 7.5 mts all along the periphery of the mining lease area, from the amount which has already been realized from the user agency.

iii. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh shall realize Net Present Value (NPV) from the user agency for the forest land falling in the safety zone area and shall submit revised map along the DGPS co-ordinates including the safety zone area;

iv. All levies under the project shall be deposited with the respective Corporation Bank account of the Andhra Pradesh State CAMPA.

v. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh / User Agency shall comply with all conditions stipulated in approval accorded in the references 1st & 2nd read above in addition to the conditions mentioned above. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER